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FROM :

SUBJECT: "Artichoke--Bluebird" Conference

DATE: 21 December 1951

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1. On 21 December 1951, 10:30 AM, a conference relative Bluebird was held in the office of _____ Those present were _____ writer.

B _____ stated that, at the present time, all of the A _____ were co-operating 100% with the "Artichoke" work and he emphasized that there was a need for full co-ordination of the work within this Agency as well as co-ordination with the participating _____.

B _____ He stated that _____ of the C/M _____ had recently completed his swing around the country to line up "clinically trained" people who would be available for work along "Artichoke" lines. He stated that the problem was, in the event _____ was able to line up this type of personnel, what could be done with them. In other words, physically, where could they be placed if _____ was successful in obtaining them. Would they be attached to _____ or directly attached to _____ According to _____ these professionally and clinically trained individuals (apparently psychiatrists) were to be attached to the various "Artichoke" teams. In this connection, _____ visualized the last six teams in operation and these people were to be the medical component of the various teams.

3. _____ stated that a very serious crisis had developed in the experimental work and that was that the experimental projects were running out of volunteers for drug and chemical experimentation. He stated that this was true of all agencies and that _____, and others had complained that they could no longer continue to use their own people as guinea pigs since the work was hazardous and ill effects had been felt by many of the subjects. _____ indicated that all agencies were looking toward CIA to produce volunteer personnel for this type of experimentation and _____ stated that he felt that through our overseas program and our dealings with aliens, we should be able to come up with aliens as volunteers or otherwise for the necessary experimentation in the "Artichoke" work.

4. _____ said that that was one of the original concepts of the plan and indicated that this matter was being considered.

5. A question then arose as to whether _____ has been fully cut in to the "Artichoke" work. _____ stated

that _____ was cut in to the "Artichoke" work but had not been briefed operationally. _____ stated that it might be a good idea to hold a conference with _____ and other members of the "Artichoke" group since _____ should be interested in this. _____ stated that _____ was definitely interested in the work and was becoming increasingly moreso. _____ stated that _____ had promised any time he was called upon to do so in this work. The conference agreed that after Christmas, a series of talks would be arranged with _____ and others relative this program and it was decided that _____ would call _____ and inform him that _____ would get in touch with him later for a conference or series of conferences with individuals working on "Artichoke".

6. There followed a short discussion on the use of _____ and _____ explained the Agency's position relative cover in connection with this type of work. (B)

7. _____ asked _____ if he had heard that _____ was in _____ at exactly the same time _____ was there. _____ stated that he had no knowledge of _____ being in _____ at that time and to his positive knowledge, _____ did not touch any of the CIA installations in that country or he _____ would have heard of _____ presence. _____ stated that he did not know if _____ was in _____ but he had heard that he was there. _____ stated that he would attempt to verify if _____ had made this trip and for what reason.

8. _____ stated that _____ had just returned from a trip to _____ where he was a member of a team of three individuals apparently sent out by the _____ stated that _____ had reported on this trip to the _____ upon his return. _____ stated further that apparently the reason for the trip was to work out a co-ordinating committee that could set up a method of dealing with the _____ Government for securing and exchanging intelligence information. A,C

9. _____ suggested that possibly _____ could have been at _____ and had conferences with the _____ people who were there. He stated that this also would have to do with the obtaining of intelligence-type information through the _____ government and that _____ as an _____ official, could conceivably have been talking with _____ people who were carrying on negotiations with the _____ C,M H,K

10. _____ stated that the recent case that was proposed for "Artichoke" work in _____ was erroneously handled, that the individual F

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in question was a low-level agent, and that he was definitely/worth
a trip by the "Artichoke" team.

11. [redacted] asked [redacted] if another operation occurred in the immediate future, could other interested agencies be cut in and further, could individuals of other agencies be brought directly into the operational case. [redacted] stated that this was not possible in any strict operational case. He stated that operational cases could only be handled by CIA people and that the introduction of [redacted] or other government personnel into the case was entirely too risky, would expose the cover of CIA people, and would spread the knowledge of the "artichoke" work too widely. [redacted] stated reports on operational cases, however, would be made available to all properly interested parties but as far as actual participation is concerned, it was not possible. A,A,A,H,A

12. [redacted] expressed the view that it was essential to tell all of the liaison men with whom he deals at once when "Artichoke" operations are being worked. He stated that this was essential because if he did not co-operate fully with these agencies they in turn would close the deal on supplying information to CIA; this would include technical information and operational information in which they were conducting the operations. A

13. [redacted] had been briefed concerning the "Artichoke" work. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been briefed by [redacted] /sometime previous. A,A,A

14. At this point, the conference again discussed [redacted] of the [redacted] stated that [redacted] was a fully cleared consultant, had been briefed by him and his work for the Agency had reached the implementation stage. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was to build up a reservoir of men for this type of work. In this connection, [redacted] he would write up his plans on these professionally trained [redacted] people in connection with the "Artichoke" work. [redacted] agreed to do this in the immediate future. C,C,A,A,H,A

15. The conference again discussed the use of alien subjects and all hands agreed that this presented the best possible means for human experimentation work. [redacted] in supporting this, stated that there are still a great number of serious questions involved operationally in the use of alien personnel in these experiments and in the actual tests. [redacted] stated that one of the most acute and perplexing problems in this matter was the disposal of individuals after they had been treated A

by "Artichoke". The discussion then turned to the nearness of some of the Agency bases to the [redacted] stated that he was recommending the setting up of vast bases for training, recruitment, holding, etc. far removed from the [redacted] stated that he had no particular ideas as to where these bases should be, but he thought possibly [redacted] might be good situations. He said that he would think that these places would make fine base areas since the Agency could secure several thousand acres or more of land for our use and in addition we could make these bases totally secure. He stated that it was his idea that once these bases were set up (and in the not too distant future) that "Artichoke" experimentation could be carried on extensively in these bases. He stated that in addition actual cases could be run at these bases since there would be there complete facilities for all types of work including sufficient guards, technical equipment, laboratory facilities, etc., etc. that would not exist elsewhere.

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